some Members of Parliament regarding dismissal of a Head Clerk of the Chandni Chowk Branch of State Bank of Indore, Delhi, because of his reported attempts to expose some frauds in the branch. The matter has been enquired into in consultation with State Bank of Indore which has reported that the Head Clerk in question was not dismissed for exposing any sd fraud but was deemed to e'rv have retired voluntarily from the service of the bank under provisions of the bi-partite settlement for his failure to join the branch to which he was transferred and because of his unauthorised absence from the place of his duty.

**Exports of Aligarh locks and Moradabad brass wares**

2954. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to State.

(a) the quantum of Aligarh locks and Moradabadi brass wares exported during the last three years, year-wise alongwith the names of the countries to which exports were made;

(b) whether there has been any increase or decrease in the export of these items and if there has been any decrease what steps Government have taken to increase the export; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned on this account during the period year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) The. following are the figures of export of locks and padlocks, EPNS wares and artmetalware (which includes brass handicrafts) during the year 1986-87 to 1988r89:

(Rs. lakhs)

| Item | 1986-87 | 1987-88' | 1988-89 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Locks & padlocks . | 58-18 | 50.00 (estimated) | 50.00 (estimated) |
| EPNS wares & Artmetal ware | 6033.10 | 6351.44 (estimated) | 11242.12 (provisional) |

*Source :* EEPC & Dev. Commissioner (Handicrafts).

Locks & padlocks have mainly been exported to USA, UK, USSR, S. Arabia, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Tanzania, Kuwait, Uganda, UAE, Zambia.

EPNS wares and Artmetalware have mainly been exported to France, USA, FRG, Austria Canada, UK, Italy; USSR; Neitherlands, Sweden, Australia, Japan, S-Arabia, Switzerland & West Germany.

1. Separate export figures for Aligarh Locks and Moradabadi brass wares are not available.

2. Figures in respect of 1987-88 and 1988-89 arr estimated and are provisional.

3. As the export of these items • are; compiled On value basis, quantities exported are not indicated.

**powerlooms country**

2955. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state.

(a) what is the number of powerlooms in the country as on 31st March; *I9&i* State-wise;

(b) what is the number of registered powerlooms in the country as on 31st March, 1989, State-wise; and